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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 5, and 7, and add Claims 8-20. Deletions are struck through.

1 (original): A composition characterized by containing silymarin and having a property to promote the production of type I collagen and/or a property to promote the production of elastin.

2 (original): The composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the silymarin is an extract from silymarin-containing plant and/or derived from silymarin-containing plant.

3 (currently amended): The composition as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, which is used for preventing skin aging.

4 (currently amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~, which is used for external application on the skin.

5 (currently amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~, which is a food.

6 (original): The composition as claimed in Claim 4, which contains 0.7% to 2.0% of silymarin as an active ingredient.

7 (currently amended): The composition as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~, which is a cosmetic.

8 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is used for preventing skin aging.

9 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is used for external application on the skin.

10 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 3, which is used for external application on the skin.

11 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is a food.

12 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 3, which is a food.

13 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 9, which contains 0.7% to 2.0% of silymarin as an active ingredient.

14 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 10, which contains 0.7% to 2.0% of silymarin as an active ingredient.

15 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 2, which is a cosmetic.

16 (new): The composition as claimed in Claim 3, which is a cosmetic.

17 (new): A method for promoting the production elastin in an extracellular matrix of a dermis, comprising administrating to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising silymarin.

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18 (new): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the administration is oral administration.

19 (new): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the administration is topical administration.

20 (new): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the administration is such that the production of elastin becomes double.